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Williams addresses youth at Newark games



NBA player, Jayson Williams addresses hundreds of children at the fourth annual Newark Games on June 5th.

By Jean Pierre
Staff Writer

NEWARK — Often at times athletes who have exemplified outlandish behavior have been portrayed in the media as bad guys, reminiscent to good vs. evil in a Hollywood flick. Fortunately, there are those who don't cross that line like New Jersey Nets' center, Jayson Williams.

He's been called a "jokester" throughout his NBA career. But one thing you can't deny: Williams gives 100 percent on the court every single night. For the last three seasons, he has finished in the top ten in rebounds and block shots and made the all-star game for the first time last year. Besides his illustrious basketball achievements, Williams gives his time and assistance to charitable organizations and community projects, especially those dealing with children.

"I think it's important to show kids what's important and to set good examples because what we do affects them," said Williams, who was on hand to kick off the Fourth Annual Newark Games on June 5. "Programs like this gives kids self-esteem and makes them feel important. I'm glad to be involved in any way I can."

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Back Independence Day - Juneteenth

By Courtney L. Cannon Scott

(NINA) — We have all heard the expression, "If you don't know your history, you will repeat it." And, there is good reason for us to remember one particular period of our history — Juneteenth. It marks the anniversary of the date the slaves in Texas were freed — two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was enacted and slaves elsewhere were liberated!

Juneteenth refers to that time, between June 13th and 19th, 1865 and is sometimes known as the

Black Independence Day. It is the oldest known celebration of slave emancipation, and in some areas is celebrated instead of July 4th. Texas was the last state in the union to make the announcement of freedom and what began as a single state celebration has turned into a nationally recognized holiday.

In the month of June, many of us are focused on multi-cultural activities and re-examination of historical events. What we must remember are the hardships our ancestors endured so that we could prosper. Just as families came together to celebrate

their long-awaited freedom in 1865, we should do the same today. We have come a long way from the chains and irons that once bound our family members, but not far enough. Many of us, as we became educated, forgot some essentials. But, we must remember yesterday, and in doing so, reach back and reach out to our brothers and sisters who have not been as fortunate. Back in the day, slaves were not allowed many privileges like reading. Now that reading is not a crime, we can learn about our history and pass that knowledge onto others.

Today, Juneteenth remains a time for families and communities to reconnect, to remember the past and to look forward to the future. We should, however, celebrate African-American freedom everyday in our thoughts and actions while encouraging self-development, tolerance, teamwork and respect for all cultures. If you have access to a computer and the Internet, type in "Juneteenth" at any search engine and you will discover a wealth of information and even controversy about this special event. If you do not have a computer, then visit your neighbor-

hood library. It can provide just as much — if not more information — on this observance and any other era in history.

As you look into Juneteenth, also look into your own family history. Do you have an ancestor who was part of the war effort? Where did your family live in 1865?

Remember, the seeds of our destiny are nurtured by the roots of our past. We are here today, because of those who came before us. It is never too late to honor them and yourself by remembering and passing that knowledge on.

Hollywood: No ordinary barber shop

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

The creaking sound of the screen door smacking that announces your arrival. Now seated on the live set of Hollywood — Tinseltown that is (a fancy word for barbering) you're entertained by the candor of conversation and intrigued by the 300 plus unknown patron photos fastened to its "Wall of Fame." But what you're about to witness in this unassuming place, located on the corners of Baltimore and St. Georges Ave., in Linden, is what has made this barber shop a 41-year-old beacon in the community.

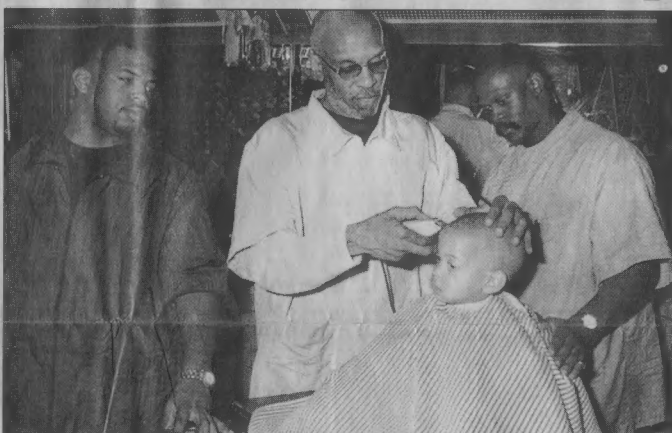
It's a place where Miss so-and-so, who's on the telephone line and calling to request the services of a reputable extenuator to rid her place of termites. Or when looking to jump-start a career, Ron Brown was introduced to some of the amenities featured at Hollywood.

"We had the applications here on the wall," says Reginald Sumner, 49, who assumed the lead barber position after Hollywood's founder and his father Tom Sumner retired his clippers five years ago. "Ron Brown came here, thought about it here, went and took the job," he proudly professes. "It all started here." Today and nine years later, Brown is a New Jersey State Trooper.

It's a place where the neo-know-everythings meet up with the astute-old-statenmen in the community and they bash it out intellectually regarding politics, sports, and life's ongoing dilemma — men and women relationships.

"People that want to drink and curse they don't come in here," says Reginald, who shares the barber spotlight with his son Ron Reggie, 27, a Kean University graduate, who possesses a communication degree and Ray Sampson, 43, who has groomed for some of the hottest men to ever grace the cover and pages of Essence Magazine. "We get the family-type folks. The mother who has a young male child feels comfortable bringing her child here because she doesn't have to stand alone hearing no foul language."

Over the years, Hollywood has come to stand as a pillar of progress in a community



Hollywood Barbers (L-R): Reggie Sumner and father, Reginald Sumner, client Corey Smith, and Ray Sampson.

Photo by Billy Jones

that's seen better days. But once inside you'll hear testimonials like that of 19-year-old Quadri Sampson (no relation to Ray), who just popped in to let his favorite barbers know his latest progress in school, since enrolling at Lincoln Technical Institute.

"They always told me to hit the books," the young man says, sporting hands down to his shoulders.

Hollywood is a barber shop, community, and recreation center all wrapped up at one location. Whether sponsoring a championship little league basketball team or standing as a resourceful financial institution, as long as the asking amount is nominal, it is vital to this community.

Back-in-the-day, the eldest Sumner, 70, groomed such stars as Tony Williams of the legendary Platters, Frankie Lymon and Yankee

great Willie Randolph. Along with his sidekick, Bucky Vaughan — Sarah's first-cousin, they built what has become the Hollywood mystique.

"Trust Town" stars like Bill Bellamy, and Joe Torry frequent the joint, but the real stars are the folks in the community and the role Hollywood plays in their daily lives. The kindred nature of the place extends an open invitation that keeps you coming back for more.



School No. 5, winners of the 2nd Annual Academic Quiz Bowl on June 7th.

Paterson's brightest square off in academic competition

By Jean Pierre
Staff Writer

PATERSON — It's been said that knowledge is the key to how far you go in life. For the students of School 25 and School 5, they reflect people on the move as they competed in the grand finale of the 2nd Annual Academic Quiz Bowl on June 7th.

The "Jeopardy" like game show allowed the two schools of seventh and eighth graders to compete against each other. This year's event saw 21 elementary schools from the district take part in the competition.

"This is what Paterson needs, because it shows the school system in a different light than before," said Rosa Miguel, a parent who joined the students and faculty of School 25 to watch the competition.

According to Miguel, the event will finally rid the mind set of the Paterson School System as doing nothing since its takeover by the state ten years ago. "No more criticism of our students failing or not making it. Just by looking at this, it

should end that notion."

The students answered questions from seven categories that included current events, literature, and science. School 25 had the early advantage in the first half, but School 5 made a late rally to win on the competitors' home turf. For coach and teacher Sam Backus, he couldn't be more pleased.

"This shows simply that our kids could do anything if they put their minds to it," said Backus. "It gives them self-esteem and motivation to continue on. Rather than athletic competition, there's another way to get kids involved."

The bowl was created to prepare students for the OEPA (Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment) test, which will look at the performance of each individual throughout the year. Last year's bowl, the two teams faced each other with School 25 winning. Now it belongs to School 5. "I'm excited! All of us have worked very hard to get to this point," said Joshua Parker, who along with Arianne DeDino, Raphael Brito, Zevia Sebek, Milanka Stamenovic and Joseph Gallone won the coveted prize.

Montclair celebrates heritage day

Crowds turn out to honor the past in annual celebration



Montclair's African-American Heritage Parade & Festival drew an estimated 15,000 to 15-20,000 people of all persuasion to the urban-suburban township with the theme this year, "The Nguzo Saba." These seven African principles: unity, self-determination, collective work and economics, purpose, creativity, enjoying a sense of honor among "the ancestors" are educators Allison and Harold Moore, who were grand marshals in 1996.

Community Calendar

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

HOLMDEL — PNC Bank Arts Center presents John Mallinckrodt. Call (732) 335-5600 for time and information.

NEW YORK — The Museum of the City of New York hosts a book reading featuring writer Vito Perrone. 2 p.m. (212) 534-1167.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Center for Stronger Families will host a book reading of "Fantastic Flights with Mopie Goose," to benefit family literacy at the Plainfield Public Library. 5:30 p.m. (908) 225-8076.

WILDWOOD — The Township of Wildwood presents Family Fun Night every Thursday until September 9. Call (609) 523-1602.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

ELIZABETH — Aspira, Inc. of New Jersey host its Second Annual Summer Breakfast Conference at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. 9 a.m. (973) 454-7554.

NEW YORK — The Museum of the City of New York hosts a retrospective film series on the life of actor-activist Paul Robeson. (212) 534-1672.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

NEWARK — The New Jersey Historical Society hosts a family exhibition on entitled "The Magic Bowl." 1 p.m. (973) 595-6502.

JERSEY CITY — A private review of "Oscillations in the Pleasure Garden," paintings by Teri Richardson at the Fourth Floor Gallery. 7 p.m. (201) 451-1074.

EAST RUTHERFORD — The Beta Alpha Omega of Alpha Kappa Sorority Inc. of Newark will salute recipients of its Scholarship 100 and Community Service Awards at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel. 11:30 a.m. (973) 631-1087.

SCOTCH PLAINS — SinglesFaces, Inc. hosts a singles function at Pentagone Renaissance. 9 p.m. (732) 426-2406.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

NEW YORK — The Morris-Jumel Mansion hosts a Father's Day Concert of 18th Century Music. 2 p.m. (212) 923-8003.

NEW YORK — The South Street Seaport Museum hosts a fathers and friends fishing trip. 9 a.m. (212) 745-8733.

OCEANPORT — Monmouth Park

Packstock hosts a Father's Day Special. Call (732) 222-6100 for time and information.

MONDAY, JUNE 21

LIVINGSTON — The Essex County Clerk Office will hold a county meeting at Livingston Town Hall. 2 p.m. (973) 621-4921.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

MONTCLAIR — The Essex County Clerks Office holds a town hall open reach meeting at the Montclair Municipal Building. 8:30 a.m. (973) 621-4921.

EAST RUTHERFORD — Meadowlands Fair will take place at Giant Stadium. Call (201) 993-0199 for time and information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

SHREWSBURY — SingleFaces, Inc. hosts a singles function at Shadowbrook. 9 p.m. (732) 482-2403.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Crossroads Theater Company presents the gospel play "Another Chance." Call (973) 609-2852 for time and information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

NEWARK — Karim Abdallah Productions presents The Hunt Point Karate Championships at the Essex County College Gymnasium. 8 p.m. (973) 623-6419.

FAIRFIELD — SingleFaces, Inc. hosts a singles function at the Radisson Hotel. 9 p.m. (732) 462-2403.

PISCATAWAY — The Fire Apparatus Association of Central Jersey presents the Sixth Annual Fire Apparatus Show at Middlesex County Fire Academy. 10 a.m. (732) 463-7445.

OCEAN CITY — The Antique Auto Show and Boardwalk Parade takes place at Tabernacle Grounds. Call (609) 525-9300 for time and information.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

LINCROFT — The Monmouth County Park System hosts a trip to Lily's Langly's Dinner Theater in Russia, PA for food and music with live music from the 50's and 60's. 1:45 p.m. (732) 642-4000.

ISELIN — SingleFaces, Inc. hosts a singles function at the Woodbridge Hilton. 8 p.m. (732) 462-2406.

NEW YORK — The Morris-Jumel Mansion hosts a neighborhood with the Urban Park Rangers. 11 a.m. (212) 923-8003.

Honoring graduates of African Heritage



JERSEY CITY — Lorraine Manning (right of Jersey City, a senior majoring in criminal justice and minoring in sociology at New Jersey City University, received the "Academic Excellence Award," at the University's 18th annual "Salute to Graduates of African Heritage." Manning was congratulated by New York City Council member Una S.T. Clark (left), co-chairs Kinna Perry (second from left of Plainfield, assistant director of the NJCU Office of Teacher Internships and Denise Doctor, NJCU assistant director of public safety; and Dr. Larry Carter, NJCU vice president for academic affairs.

Girl Scouts salute their moms



WESTFIELD — Washington Rock Girl Scout Council leaders and their daughters enjoyed a "Leader Appreciation Day Ice Cream Social," in the Watchung Mountains recently. Activities throughout the day included lessons in corsage creation, sundae-making, relay races, softball games, and other fun games and sports followed.

Free dollars for college scholars



CRANFORD — Nicholas P. Scutari, Chairman of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders (left) displays one of the banners that announces the "Freeholder Scholars Program." The scholarship will cover two free years of tuition at Union County College for eligible Union County residents. Looking on are Naajia Bennett of Linden, the first scholarship recipient (center), and Victor M. Richel, Chairman of the College's Board of Trustees.

Nets score points with NJ student



BLOOMFIELD — Bloomfield College freshman Judith Nunez of Newark recently received a \$4,000 scholarship paid over four years from the New Jersey Nets Foundation through the Community Youth Organization. Bloomfield College will match this scholarship and will provide a mentor to Nunez as part of the program.

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National Briefs

CONGRESSWOMAN CLAYTON INTRODUCES AGRICULTURE CREDIT BILL

(NNPA) — Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton (D-N.C.) recently introduced a bill to relieve a debt forgiveness restriction enacted by the 1996 Farm Bill. That law made anyone who had ever received any kind of debt forgiveness ineligible to receive another loan from the United States Department of Agriculture.

The proposed bill, "Agriculture Credit Act of 1998" will allow farmers to remain eligible for USDA loans in three instances: 1. following a loan consolidation, rescheduling, or deferral of a loan; 2. following a loan write-down due to a financial problem related to a natural disaster or medical condition of the borrower or an immediate family member of the borrower; and 3. following a loan write-down provided as part of a resolution of a discrimination complaint against the Secretary of the USDA.

The changes made in 1996 placed an unfair and unreasonable burden on farmers who must seek help from the USDA, Rep. Clayton said. "This bill will restore fairness and perhaps help to restore the confidence of farmers in the USDA loan programs."

CBC URGES FCC TO HELP LINK SCHOOLS TO THE WEB

(NNPA) — Congresswoman Julia Carson (D-Ind.) recently joined with other members of the Congressional Black Caucus in strongly urging the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to fully fund the E-rate program.

"Every child in America must have the opportunity to log on to the information superhighway," Rep. Carson said. "The E-rate will ensure that even schools with tight budgets will be able to afford the basic telecommunications services needed to link to the Internet."

In response to basic wiring needed by inner city and rural schools to access the Internet, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 included provisions for a discount "E-rate" to allow schools and libraries to install improved telecommunications infrastructure for Internet links.

The FCC recently approved \$2.2 billion for the E-rate, nearly \$1 billion more than the current funding.

LILLY ENDOWMENT AWARDS \$1 MILLION TO COLLEGE

JACKSONVILLE, FL — Edward Waters College announced the college has received a grant of \$1 million from the Lilly Endowment-United Negro College Fund Historically Black Colleges and Universities (UNCF) Program. EWCC will receive 75 percent of the grant award immediately and the remaining 25 percent when the college raises an equal amount in matching funds from private sources. The award supports two major initiatives which are the capital construction/library renovation and faculty development.

Edward Waters College is a private historically black college offering a degree in 16 disciplines. The College has a diverse student population and a reputation for academic excellence.

RONALD LAW NAMED TO LEAD GSA'S AFRICAN BURIAL GROUND PROJECT

NEW YORK — The U.S. General Services Administration has announced the appointment of Ronald Law as its chief executive for the agency's multifaceted African Burial Ground project. Law brings extensive public administration and public affairs experience to his new position as Associate Regional Administrator for the African Burial Ground. GSA's \$15 million African Burial Ground Project has three primary components. Scientific research is currently being conducted at Howard University. Public Education and Interpretation is provided through the Office of Public Education and Interpretation at 6 World Trade Center, and the project's Memorialization efforts. They will collectively tell about the lives of the 16th Century African Americans buried in Lower Manhattan, and the other for an Exterior Memorial that will be located at the National Historic Landmark site.

'Time's' 20th century heroes and icons

NEW YORK — Jackie Robinson, Bruce Lee, Che Guevara, and Martin Luther King Jr. are among the century's "Heroes and Icons" profiled in the June 14th edition of TIME, the fifth in a series of six special issues profiling the 100 most influential people of the century. The new list marks the completion of the first phase of the Time 100 project as the magazine will now decide to choose one as its Person of the Century in December 1999. "As we at Time selected our 20th century heroes, we found a pattern," writes executive editor Stephen Koepf in a letter to readers. "The ones who changed society the most were those who liberated a segment of humanity that had been fenced in by prejudice." In an introductory essay, assistant managing editor Howard Chua-Euan writes that "We need our heroes to give meaning to time."

Some of these heroes from the African-American community and other ethnicities are as follows: **Muhammad Ali, The Greatest:** Floating, singing, punching, prophesying, he transformed his sport and became the world's most adored athlete. "Students of boxing will pour over the trio of Ali-Frazier fights, which rank among the greatest in sports history, as one might read three acts of a great drama," writes George Plimpton, editor of the Paris Review and author of Truman Capote. "And they would marvel that through the wonderful excesses of skill and character, he had become the most famous athlete, indeed the best known personage in the world."

Rosa Parks, The Torchbearer: Her simple act of protest galvanized America's civil rights revolution. "She did not plan her fateful act: 'I did not get on the bus to get arrested,' she has said. 'I got on the bus to get home,' writes former U.S. Post Laureate Rita Dove. "It is no less than the belief in the power of the individual, that cornerstone of the American Dream, that she inspires, along with the hope that all of us — even the least of us — could be that brave — when crunch time comes."

Jackie Robinson, The Trailblazer: He thrilled fans, shattered baseball's color barrier and changed the face of the nation. "It was an incredible act of selflessness that brought the races closer together than ever before and shaped the dreams of an entire nation," according to Henry "Hank" Aaron, who holds the major league career home-run record (755). "I don't think it's a coincidence that the black players of the late '50s and '60s dominated the National League. If we played as if we were on a mission, it was because Jackie Robinson had sent us out on one."

Other noted figures on the list are: Martin Luther King Jr., Civil Rights Leader; Nelson Mandela, South African President; Louis Armstrong, Jazz Musician; Oprah Winfrey, TV talk-show host; Mohandas Gandhi, father of modern India; Mother Teresa, missionary nun and Che Guevara, guerrilla leader.

Making the Others who Mattered list for the 20th Century were: Josephine Baker, singer; Tyson Beckford, model; Lena Horne, actress; Althea Gibson, tennis player; Bill Smith, actor/singer; Jesse Owens, 4-time Olympic gold medalist; Michael Jordan, NBA all-star hero and Selena, Latin singer; Marian Anderson, Elbridge Cleaver, W.E.B. DuBois, Franz Fanon, Marcus Garvey, Jesse Jackson, and Malcolm X were selected as voices of Black Empowerment.

Employee Racism At Customs Prompts New Lawsuit

By Liam Washington Jr.
Special to the NNPA

(NNPA) — U.S. Customs Service Commissioner Raymond Kelly vigorously practices a zero tolerance policy against drug smugglers trying to penetrate American borders through international airports, seaports and border crossings.

However, Black Customs employees argue that he does not practice a similar all-out assault attitude on the serious racial discrimination within the agency that he heads.

Employees say racism is rampant within the Service, including blatant employment discrimination, sexual harassment, prejudicial disciplinary practices and harsh retaliation against minority workers who complain about misconduct.

The failure of Kelly and other top federal officials to address the long-time problem of racist employment practices within the Customs Service is now the subject of a class action lawsuit initiated by minority Customs employees.

Recently, employees staged a demonstration in Riverside, Calif. to announce the initiation of legal action by the Association of Customs Employees for Change (ACEC) and the Customs Employees Against Discrimination Association (CEADA).

Customs employees say the discriminatory treatment of Black travelers by White Customs personnel is the flip side of the workplace racism they endure.

Kelly recently established an independent commission to investigate the complaints of Black travelers. These complaints are currently the target of congressional hearings, extensive media coverage and numerous lawsuits.

However, he is not investigating the companion charges of racism leveled by employees. The deep flaws of the EEO process became apparent when minority Customs employees from around the nation shared experiences during a strategy meeting on the lawsuit held last December.

Employees discovered EEO officials routinely reject discrimination complaints and discourage employees from filing complaints, anonymous complainants are publicly identified for retaliation and EEO counselors face harassment for conducting unbiased investigations.

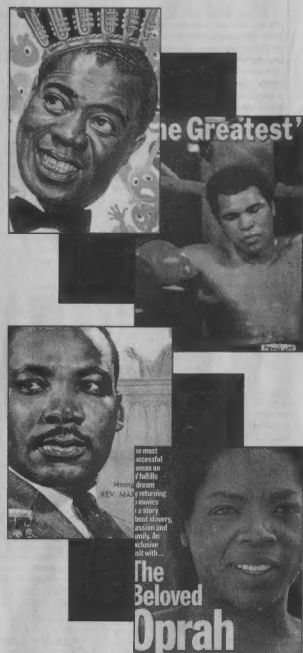
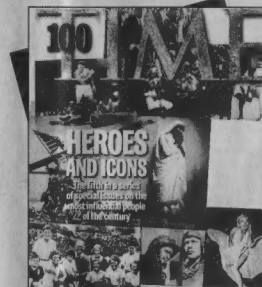
Kelly is concentrating on the "most serious" complaints, which are from Black travelers. "We need to wrestle with this issue first," Murphy said.

Kelly has ordered other action on employee discipline, including employees found guilty of practicing discrimination.

These actions are inept, Black Customs employees charge, because they still do not seriously crack down on known racism within the agency.



Rosa Parks' (right) arrest in 1955, ignited the Civil Rights Movement and the struggle to dismantle segregation.



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NEW YORK — The Paradise Company hosts a seminar on lowering costs while controlling management, control and performance at the Marriott Financial Center, 9 a.m. 1 (800) PARADYNE (727-2386)

NEW YORK — The Port Authority of New Jersey and New York hosts a seminar and discussion on the buyers exchange at the Port Authority Building, 9 a.m. (212) 435-6312

CHERRY HILL — The New Jersey State League of Municipalities hosts a seminar on accessing public records at the Holiday Inn, 8:30 a.m. (609) 695-3481

NEW YORK — The NNPA (National Newspapers Publishers Association) hosts its annual convention at the Sheraton Hotel. Call (202) 589-8764 for information.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

WHITE PLAINS, NY — The New York Power Authority and the National Minority Business Council will host its **Tenth Annual Purchasing Exchange** at the Sheraton Hotel, 12 p.m. (914) 681-6453

WEST NEW YORK — The Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey hosts a business card exchange and reception at Las Palmas Restaurant, 5:30 p.m. (201) 861-1400

NEW YORK — Stone By Stone, Inc. host a book signing and network forum with Dennis Kimbro and his new book "Think and Grow Rich" at the CitiCorp Center. Call (716) 222-9888 for time and information.

NEW YORK — The Regional Alliance for Small Contractors hosts a seminar on strategic planning to build a profitable company, 9 a.m. (212) 435-6506

NEW ORLEANS, LA — The National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. hosts its **Seventh annual Convention** at the Hilton Riverside. Call (202) 466-0888 for more information.

Preparing the Latino community for the business world

UNION — The Union County Economic Development Corporation is sponsoring a series of seminars for Hispanic Entrepreneurs and small business owners on June 24, 1999. The seminars will provide free useful information on how to write a business plan for start-up and existing small businesses. You will learn the information needed to be included in a business plan and how to put the information together.

Having a well prepared business

plan is a necessary ingredient for a successful business. Michaelan officer, Carlos Sanchez, of the Union County Economic Development Corporation will present the opening remarks. Leading the seminar on how to write a business plan will be Geraldine Brown of Reed-Brown Consulting Group and consultant for the Kean University Small Business Development. John Strydzky, CPA of Johns Strydzky & Co will present the final seminar on Cash Flow

Analysis. There will be a question-and-answer session following the presentation. In addition, the attendees will also have the opportunity for one-on-one counseling with the speakers.

"We are very happy that we can present this program, it was especially designed for the Hispanic community," stated Sanchez. "The program provides free and valuable information about financial programs and other ways to start or

expand your business."

"Our collective forces are an enormous example of how financial institutions working together with agencies and local organizations can support the needs of our community," stated Brenda A. McEise, of Fleet Bank.

Fleet Bank along with the U.S. Small Business Development Center, Kean University Small Business Development Center, Elizabeth Development Company and PRO-

CEED Inc. are co-sponsoring the event. Representatives from the above corporations and organizations will give presentations to the attendees as well.

Call Carlos N. Sanchez (908) 527-1166 ext. 15 to register for the workshops which start at 9:00 a.m. at Los Faroles Restaurant, 624 Westfield Ave., Elizabeth, NJ and also at 6:30 p.m. at the United National Bank Community Education Center in Plainfield, NJ.

Commentary

What you can do about property taxes

By Jane M. Kenny

Our forefathers rallied against taxation without representation. Today, the problem is taxation because of too much representation.

I had the pleasure of serving on a commission Gov. Whitman created to study the problem of property taxes in New Jersey. One of our conclusions was that New Jersey suffers from an acute case of over-government.

With more than 1,600 counties, towns, school boards and fire districts, New Jersey has more units of local government per square mile than any other state. Our 566 towns alone outnumber the total number of municipalities in eight other states combined. At a time when many homeowners are struggling with high property tax bills, opportunities literally abound to offer taxpayers greater efficiency.

One such measure is the Regional Efficiency Aid Program. REAP would give local property taxpayers a direct credit on their tax bills when their towns decide to share or regionalize services. That means a double savings. Your town saves money by delivering services more efficiently, and individual homeowners will get an additional savings off their tax bills. The state plans to test such \$35 million a year to finance the program.

Then there's the Regional Effi-

ciency Development Incentive Program, or REDI. Consolidating services is a big step, requiring careful study. The REDI program would set aside \$10 million to help municipalities, school districts and fire districts finance such studies, and also help cover the start-up costs of a new shared service initiative.

Still another bill would permit municipalities or counties to offer an early retirement incentive to employees affected by the joint services.

Prospects for the bills' passage looks favorable. Some communities, however, are not waiting for the legislation to rethink the way they deliver services.

Five communities in Hudson County, for example, recently took the historic step of merging five fire departments into one, putting the safety and the wallets of their constituents ahead of any home rule concerns. The combined savings in salary and benefits alone is expected to reach nearly \$5 million a year.

The next step, it is up to you. If this kind of reform interests you, get involved. Come to your town council and school board meetings. Tell your local officials that consolidation and shared services is an idea whose time has come.

Jane M. Kenny is Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs

Honoring business leaders



New Jersey City University (formerly Jersey City State College) honored five New Jersey business leaders and named its "Asa Knowles Cooperative Education Student of the Year" at its 23rd "Annual Business and Education Leadership Awards Dinner." Gathered with Dr. Carlos Hernandez (standing second from right), NJCU president; Joanne Bruno (standing left), NJCU assistant vice president for academic affairs; and Dr. Jennifer Jones (standing second from left), NJCU director of academic career planning and placement, were honorees (seated from left): Mable Ellis Welborn of Philadelphia, corporate director of human resources and administration for The Kintock Group; Nancy E. Susval of Edison, senior administrator finance college rectoring for Johnson & Johnson; William M. Rooney of Mahwah, assistant general manager of Panasonic Consumer Electronics Company; and Pamela B. Jones of Linden, senior diversity consultant for Merrill Lynch in Princeton; Myrtil A. Richards (standing right) of Roseland, executive director of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants; and the Cooperative Education Student of the Year, Peter Morel (standing center) of West New York, a secondary education and history major who maintained a grade point average of 3.5 and completed his cooperative education internship as an historic interpretive specialist at Liberty State Park.

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Local Briefs

Newark students bring history to life

NEWARK — The eighth grade students of Dr. William H. Horton School in Newark recently embarked upon an eight city, eight day trip to explore historical landmarks and get a first-hand view of what they have learned throughout the school year. The students named their voyage: "1999 Road Race: Enhancing the Richness of Education." The vigorous trip included stops to Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, South Carolina, Florida and Georgia, with visits including: The Great Blacks in Was. Museum in Baltimore; Maryland, The White House, the House of Representatives, and Congress in Washington, D.C., Colonial Williamsburg in Williamsburg, Virginia, The Magnolia Plantation in Charleston South Carolina and many more. The venture was cosponsored by the City of Newark, the Newark Public Schools and Broad National Bank.

Eradicating housing discrimination in NJ

SOUTH ORANGE — People with disabilities in New Jersey are facing less discrimination in their efforts to live in communities of their choice. In September of 1997 the Mental Health Association of New Jersey (MHA/NJ), The Arc of New Jersey formally the Association for Retarded Citizens and the Community Health Law Project (CHLP) embarked on an advocacy effort to assure that municipalities repeal ordinances that discriminated against the placement of community residences in their localities. Nineteen municipalities in Monmouth, Middlesex, Bergen, Passaic, and Morris counties were identified as having discriminatory zoning ordinances and were contacted by the organizations requesting that they voluntarily repeal these ordinances. To date eleven of these municipalities have voluntarily repealed and eight were subsequently sued.

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Newark receives \$1 million budget for downtown area

NEWARK — At the Newark Municipal Council meeting today, the 1999 annual budget for the Downtown Newark Special Improvement District (S.I.D.) was approved, allowing the S.I.D. to begin operation with an initial annual budget of approximately \$1.1 million. The funds will be used toward winning and maintaining projects including physical improvements, area maintenance and security, along with promoting the overall enhancement of the S.I.D. The revenue allocated to operate the S.I.D. is received through a combination of special assessments on 994 district commercial properties and a \$300,000 contribution from the City of Newark through the Urban Enterprise Zone.

The funds for the inaugural year of the S.I.D. have been appropriated into a variety of programs, managed by standing committees. The Clean and Safe Commit-

tee is readying its designated "cleaning crew," who will provide supplemental sidewalk cleaning, power washing, sweeping and graffiti removal, litter cleanup and control.

The committee is also initiating a Safety Coalition, a forum and network for Newark's safety providers. The coalition will allow safety providers a way to communicate through regular meetings and a real-time information network, providing incident and safety information through an electronic system.

"The Downtown Newark S.I.D. Board is anxious to launch each of the committee's action plans, now that the budget has been approved," says Edward A. Ryter, Downtown Newark S.I.D. Board Chairman. "By the end of June, everyone who works or visits Downtown Newark will begin to see the benefits of the S.I.D. programs."

The Physical Improvement Committee will assist in the physical redevelopment of downtown, including the renovation of sidewalks, the purchase and installation of street furniture and decorative street lighting, over time.

A recent meeting of business owners and property managers is resulting in a coordinated landscaping plan, for seasonal flower displays in front of retail shops and at public and private green areas. The committee is also working with the City of Newark on the Market Street reconstruction project, having allocated \$150,000 for the purchase and installation of new decorative streetlights, giving downtown a brighter level of illumination in the street and on the sidewalk.

The Marketing Committee is responsible for promoting all aspects of the S.I.D. program, as well as businesses and events within the district. The Committee

will sponsor a series of lunch time concerts in Military Park throughout the summer and is also working with the City and Connection Newark on "City Lights," a downtown lighting celebration hanging in the holiday season. Retail promotions and sales events are currently being explored with the retail community.

The Downtown Newark Special Improvement District was established in September 1995 for the purpose of revitalizing Newark's central business district. Led by a fifteen-member board, the S.I.D. is funded through special assessments on district commercial properties and will oversee projects in areas such as Clean and Safe, Marketing, Physical Improvement and Transportation. For more information, or to become involved in the Downtown Newark Special Improvement District, please contact Maria C. Person at 732-530-8410.

First annual family of twins and friends festival

NEWARK — The Garden State Twins Association is sponsoring the first annual Family of Twins, and Friends Festival, celebrating the unique lives and interests of twins and other multiple births. The festival will be held at Military Park, in Newark, NJ on July 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

This three-day festival is expected to attract several thousand visitors from across the bi-state area. Howard John Scott, the organizer of the event and twin himself (his twin brother, John Howard Scott), said that this event is a first for the Newark area.

This event will host 500 sets of twins and super-twins. Their families, friends, and the general public are also invited to this historic event. Everyone is welcome.

The festival will play host to over 100 vendors. It will feature a variety of attractions, carnival rides, pony rides, arts and crafts, dance and musical performances.

There will also be a variety of competitions for the most alike and unlike twins; best costumes; youngest and oldest; most talented; and an array of other activities are being planned.

The purpose of this festival is to provide family entertainment with an educational component that will inform people as to the myths about twins, as well as promote and introduce visitors to the unique lives of twins and other multiple births.

The three-day event will feature a twin talent show, music performances, a parade of twins and a magic show.

The event will also play host to researchers from various universities and institutions who collect genetic data on twins.

This event is similar to other festivals held around the country geared towards twins and their families. Loads of fun for everyone!

Plainfield High School student attends National Medical Leadership Forum

WASHINGTON — Keri Baucum of Plainfield, is scheduled to participate in the 1999 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine from July 27 - July 7, in San Francisco. Keri, in the class of 2000 at Plainfield High School, will be among a select group of outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across America and around the world who have met the qualifications required to participate in the Forum.

Keri was selected because of her outstanding academic achievements and her interest in the profession of medicine. Beginning on July 27, Keri will join her fellow Forum students in San Francisco for ten days of discovery and mentorship at some of America's most prominent and technologically advanced medical institutions and research centers, including the University of California, Davis School of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine, California Pacific Medical Center, Pacific Campus, Children's Hospital, Oakland and the Travis Air Force Base. Intensive day-long concentrations at these and other institutions will allow students to examine state-of-the-art diagnostic tools and future medical specialties in detail.

Students will also have the opportunity to study and learn from some of America's most distinguished medical leaders. Prominent leaders in the medical community addressing the students include Dr. Warner Greene, Director of Gladstone Institute of Virology and Immunology, Dr. Edgar Engleman,

Medical Director of Stanford Blood Center and Professor of Pathology at Stanford University; Dr. Elizabeth M. Matisoff, Resident in Neurological Surgery, University of California, San Francisco; and Dr. James Kahn, Director of San Francisco General Hospital Clinical Component of AIDS, Clinical Research Center and Asst. Professor of Medicine, University of California San Francisco.

"During eleven days of first-hand experiences in a motivating and challenging environment, participants see the world of medicine from a perspective unlike any other. They leave having gained a valuable head start toward the careers and successes they dream of achieving," said Dr. William Levin, President, Institute. The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

The National Youth Leadership Forum is a non-profit educational organization which sponsors highly specialized, career-oriented programs for outstanding secondary youth with demonstrated leadership abilities. The National Youth Leadership Forum conducts annual Forums on Medicine, Law, and Defense, Intelligence & Diplomacy.

Many students are nominated to participate in these Forums by high school teachers and guidance counselors. Interested educators, parents and students are encouraged to contact the NYLF Office of Admissions for additional information at (202) 628-6000 or by e-mail at info@nylf.org. NYLF's website is located at www.nationalyouth.org.

Five-city march against police brutality planned

NEWARK — The People's Organization for Progress (POP) and other human rights groups have scheduled a march through five Essex County municipalities to protest police brutality, racial profiling, and racism in the criminal justice system. It will take place on Saturday, June 26, 1999.

The "Long March for Justice" will start at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of Orange Road and Hillside Avenue in Montclair.

Participants will then follow a route that will take them through Montclair, Orange, East Orange, Irvington, and end at City Hall in Newark with a rally scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

"This march is being held to draw attention to the problems of police brutality, racial profiling, and racism in the criminal justice system. We are marching to demand justice for Earl Faison, Terrance Everett, Abner Louisa, Amadou Diallo, Tyisha Miller, and all victims of police misconduct," POP chairman Lawrence Hamm said.

Organizing meetings for the event will be held in each town along the march route. The schedule of meetings is as follows:

Montclair, Thursday, June 17, 6:00 p.m., Waris Cultural Center, 70 Howard Street, Irvington; and Fri-

day, June 18, 7:00 p.m., St. Paul's A.M.E. Church, 1519 Sanford Street, East Orange.

The march is being co-sponsored by the following organizations: New Jersey Coalition Against Police Brutality, Black Cops Against Brutality, Women In Support of the Million Man March (WISOMMM).

Newark Coalition for Neighborhoods (NCN), United Caribbean African Alliance, Africa Newark, New Jersey Million Man March Coalition, Green Party, United Youth Council, Inc., Muhammad's Mosque No. 25 - Nation of Islam, Movement for Change, Black Ministers Council of New Jersey, African American Faculty and Staff of Middlesex County College, the Student National Medical Association-New Jersey Medical School Chapter, Unity and Struggle, Black Nia Force, Uthman, the Clinton Hill South Ward Improvement Association, Caribbean Alumni Chapter-NJIT, Newark Peddlers Association, Frontline Artists, and the New Brunswick Coalition Against Police Brutality.

"We call upon everyone in the community to march with us. Whether you plan to walk one block, one mile, or the entire ten miles, we want you to participate and take a stand for justice," Hamm stated.

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MONDAY, JUNE 21

ROEBURN — The Holy Assumption PTA hosts its annual carnival at Holy Assumption School. Call (907) 480-0045 for time and information.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

NEW BRISBANK — The Crossroads Theater Company presents the gospel musical "Another Chance." Call (973) 630-2852 for information.

Stamp out Hate Sabbath Weekend

MILLBURN — The theme of this year's Stamp Out Hate Sabbath was "Human Rights...God Given Rights." The seventh annual Stamp Out Hate Sabbath Weekend was held from June 4-6, sponsored by the Stamp Out Hate Coalition. The Coalition, initiated and developed by the American Jewish Committee, is comprised of 24 diverse ethnic, racial and religious groups committed to combating prejudice in New Jersey.

Fifty-three churches, synagogues and mosques throughout the state promoted the human rights theme during the weekend and called attention to the need to promote respect and understanding among different ethnic, religious, and racial groups. Congregations focused on the theme in different ways. Many clergy members made the topic of their sermon. Others included prayers or inspirational readings in their weekend service. Numerous congregations purchased buttons with the Stamp Out Hate logo to distribute to congregates during the weekend.

Human rights are in your hands. Human rights are your daily lifeline to fundamental freedoms, to justice, and to respect for your human dignity.

Everyone in the world is entitled to enjoy the same human rights. This principle was agreed upon 50 years ago by all the world's nations and proclaimed in a document called the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The ideas in the Universal Declaration were borne on the winds of short-wave radio broadcasts and floated through the skies of forbidden books and hidden men heard. Women heard. Children heard.

What are human rights? Human rights are your rights. From the beginning of your life until the end, human rights are your rights. You are entitled to your human rights simply because you are a human — the contract between governments and the people governed. Nobody, no matter what the person's authority or powers may be, has license to decide that you are not entitled to your basic rights.

In other words, human rights are not privileges granted or taken away by some authority because of who you happen to be. These rights remain yours, regardless of where you live, what you believe, how you look, or whatever is happening in the community or world around you.

As you might expect, what applies to you and your human rights also applies to others. Everybody else. Everywhere on Earth. However great the differences between you and someone else, whether in your own family or in some other part of the world, you share the very same human rights. So in addition to being your personal possession, human rights provide you with a connection to all peoples of the world.

Speaking out is one of the best ways to protect human rights. And every time you speak out to demand respect for your rights, or for other people's rights, you bring worldwide human rights respect a little closer to reality.

The above sermon material was adapted from excerpts of "In Human Hands," Community Action Guide for Human Rights Year and Beyond, published in February 1998 by the Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights of the American Jewish Committee.

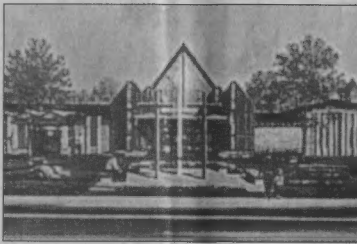
Local church to pay tribute to Milton McClenon and Sam Arnold

NEWARK — Israel Memorial African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church has been a part of the Newark community for over 100 years. Members of the church are attempting to expand and renovate the present building in an effort to facilitate the various outreach ministries of the church. The focus is not just the physical building, but a rebuilding of families and seeking those who are among "The Least, The Lost and The Left Behind." To that end, the Board of Trustees have announced plans to host an evening gala appreciation dinner to raise the funds needed for the renovation and expansion.

The members, led by the Reverend Dr. Edward B. Smart, Jr. have taken on a project called "Step Up." All friends of Israel Memorial are being asked to be a part of this new and exciting undertaking to bring the church building into the next millennium.

On June 19, 1999, the church will celebrate its first annual banquet to raise money for the Step Up program. The Religious Award will go to Mr. Milton McClenon who has served as church steward for the past 57 years, and as a pastor steward for 48 years. He has served in those positions under eight ministers of the church. The Business Award will be presented to Mr. Samuel C. Arnold, Manager of Perry's Funeral Home for his commitment to helping youth.

McClenon, first appointed to the Steward Board (which oversees the spiritual growth of the church) in 1942, has served in various positions of the church including as president of the Gospel Choir, Finance Chairperson, and during the mid to late 60s, he was chairman of the Building and Planning Committee, and the Mortgage Club. He has been a Men's Day Captain for more than 20 years. In 1993, during the celebration of the Church's 100th Anniversary, he spearheaded that fund-raising effort. The church raised over \$100,000 from that year long activity. From 1944 to 1946, he served in the U.S. Military, and acquired the rank of Staff Sergeant prior to his Honorable Discharge. He retired from



The New Israel Memorial A.M.E. Church Home at 54 Lincoln Street in Newark is looking to not only rebuild their church but the spirit of the families within the church.

Scherer Plough pharmaceutical company after 32 years of service in 1987.

Mr. Sam Arnold has nearly thirty years. He graduated Cum Laude from Virginia State University and received numerous awards for his leadership in the U.S. Military. He has served as a Communication Expert Officer, a Commander, Logistics Officer and as a liaison between the general office staff and the headquarters company. He also has degrees from the American Academy-McAllister Mortician School and he is a licensed mortician by both the National and State boards. He has received appreciation awards from involvement with the Newark Day Care Council, the Day Nursery of Montclair and the International Youth Organization.

Israel Church is seeking to reno-

vate and expand its present edifice to adequately house existing outreach programs. Currently, the church operates an after school tutorial program, a liturgical dance troupe, and recently the church entered into a partnership with Federal Express to provide child care services for employees who work various night shifts.

The Summer Day Camp program which services over 100 children in the surrounding community is in its 6th year of operation.

Gov. Christine Todd Whitman is the Honorary General Chairperson of the dinner committee. Congressman Don Payne is serving as the Honorary Chairperson and Mayor Sharpe James is the Honorary Co-Chairperson of the event.

The dinner will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Iselin, NJ.

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Positively Black

Free your mind, the rest will follow

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

(NPNP) — "One cannot have a slave's mentality and hope to be free, or can hope, but that will not make anything really happen. The freeing of the mind must occur before anything else can happen. The people must actually want to be free. Want it had enough to be it." — Amiri Baraka

"When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him to stand here or go yonder. He will find his 'proper place' and will stay in it. You do not need to send him to the back door. He will go without being told."

— Carter G. Woodson

As we prepare to enter the 21st century, the great challenge before us as a people is to liberate our minds from demeaning stereotypes, limiting beliefs and self-negating and destructive images, terms and behaviors.

Chattel slavery has ended for people of African descent, but we find ourselves confronted with even more sinister threats to our survival: mendacity and nihilism. Mendacity is the systematic attitudes and allegiances in favor of the ultimate adoption of those of another. In short, it is the reprogramming of a people's minds. Nihilism is an extreme form of skepticism. It is a total disbelief in religion, moral principles or obligations, and established traditions, laws and institutions.

A critical examination of the fare offered up in the most of the media we consume will reveal a nihilistic bent; especially the media aimed at our young people. What will the long term effects of this assault on our psyches be? How will it impact our communities? Will it empower and enable us to aim higher, strive to do more and be better? Or, will it promote increased disrespect, vulgarity, decadence and degeneration?

Psychological manipulation is more cost effective than physical bondage because the one who desires to control another does not have to be physically present to control him. (Once the control over a person's mind

has been established, he automatically accedes to your ideas, world view and willingly do your bidding. Once someone relinquishes her powers of independent thought and abdicates her self-determination, she becomes a slave to whomever indoctrinates and programs her.

The mainstream mass media attempts to break down our beliefs, values and allegiances. It indoctrinates us about how to view the world, propagandize us for or against certain individuals, more wholesome content are deemed as reactionary censorship. Why is it that so-called positive rappers — those who use the art form to disseminate proactive social messages — get no air play whatsoever? Why is it so few G and PG-rated films are being produced by African-American film makers? For all its acclaim, the movie "Boyz n the Hood" was rated R and contained some disturbing messages. Where is the balance? Why can't we have more films like "Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored?"

In his enlightening book, "Hollywood vs. America," movie critic Michael Medved decodes the negative influence of multimedia conglomerates. He writes, "The message in the movie business seems to be that portrayals of cruelty and dementia deserve more serious consideration, more automatic respect, than any attempts to convey nobility or goodness."

In the last few years the most influential leaders of the entertainment industry have gone beyond an admirable openness to dark and disturbing material. Look at all our young people who want to be like Lil' Kim or Sean Puffy Combs. Listen to the messages they put out and look at the behavior in our schools, neighborhoods and homes. Is there a correlation?

We don't have to "go out like that." We can choose to reject what is not healthy or in our best interests. Let's think for ourselves. Let's define what is right and appropriate for ourselves, not what Hollywood or Madison Ave. says. Free your mind, the rest will follow.

Early African-American churches to live again

WINSTON-SALEM, NC — On September 27, 1822, the first logs were laid on a Church Street site to establish what was called the "Negro" or "African" church — a place where African-American Moravians, and others, would worship and practice their faith for nearly 40 years.

On an adjacent site in 1861, a brick church later known as St. Philip Moravian — now the oldest standing African-American church structure in North Carolina — took the place of this humble "log church."

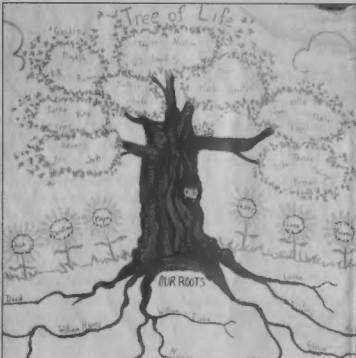
Over the next few years, the living history town of Old Salem plans to reconstruct the log church and restore the brick church as a vital part of interpreting the African-American experience in the Moravian community of Salem.

If all goes on schedule, on

Monday, September 27, 1999 — 177 years after the first construction log — the basic framework or "ererb" of a log church will rise again on the Church Street site. After appropriate time for aging the logs, allowing the structure to settle, and adding a roof, it is hoped that the interpretation will begin inside the building before the end of the year 2000 (which coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Old Salem restoration.)

A full restoration of the brick church is slated to follow a year later. The reconstruction and restoration of the two churches is being supported by a capital campaign that is currently underway at Old Salem, having reached nearly 50 percent of its goals. Donations can be made by contacting the Old Salem development office at (336)721-7327.

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Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for patients completing cancer treatment. Call (732) 235-6792 for information on time and location.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center hosts a blood drive at the hospital's courtyard. 11 a.m. (732) 937-8820.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

WEST ORANGE — The Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation hosts its 1999 Ms. Wheelchair New Jersey Pageant. Call (973) 299-0893 for information and time.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a tour of the hospital's maternity ward. 3:30 p.m. (732) 937-8820.

MONDAY, JUNE 21

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for women and their families suffering from breast cancer at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. 7 p.m. (732) 235-6792.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center offers a support group meeting for breast cancer survivors at the hospital's conference room. 6 p.m. (201) 915-2273.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital offers a wheelchair clinic and discussion. 11 a.m. (201) 833-0385.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for those suffering from a stroke. Call (732) 937-8820 for time and information.

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders hosts "The First Swing Golf Program," to help people with physical disabilities play the game of golf at the Ash Brook Golf Course. Call (908) 927-4930 for information.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for those suffering from osteoarthritis. 10 a.m. (732) 937-8820.

MONDAY, JUNE 28

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for those suffering from prostate cancer at the NJ Cancer Institute. 7 p.m. (732) 937-8820.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for those suffering from epilepsy at the hospital's board room. 7:30 p.m. (732) 937-8820.

MONDAY, JULY 19

MOUNTAINDALE — The Children's Specialist Hospital hosts its Tenth Annual Golf Classic at the Montclair Golf Club in West Orange. Call (908) 301-5409 for information and time.

Jersey City NAACP partners with The Sharing Network to promote organ donor awareness

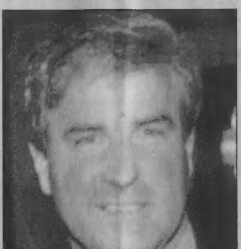
JERSEY CITY — The New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network is partnering with the Jersey City Chapter of the NAACP to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation/transplantation within the African American community of Jersey City and Hudson County, announced Joseph Roth, Executive Director of The Sharing Network.

A committee, headed by Maynard Banks, President of the Jersey City branch of the NAACP, has been formed to promote organ donation/transplantation awareness in the African American community. NAACP officials pointed out:

"Organ donation can literally mean life or death for scores of African American and minority citizens, who are on waiting lists." Roth pointed out. "We're confident that the NAACP — through their efforts — will be able to change the way people view this very delicate and sensitive subject."

"This really comes down to a life or death issue for many members of the African American community, as well as other minority groups," Banks said. "So, the Jersey City NAACP is pleased and honored to partner with The Sharing Network in providing our member with invaluable information concerning this important issue. And most importantly, we're happy to help increase the number of conscientious individuals who sign organ donor cards."

Additionally, Jersey City Mayor Brett Schundler



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recently proclaimed the week of June 7-11 as Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week in Jersey City and presented Sharing Network officials with a proclamation to mark the occasion. In addition, Carlos and Maria Perez, a Hudson County donor family, were also in attendance at the event. Sharing Network officials noted: When Mr. and Mrs. Perez tragically lost their 18-year-old son, Robert, a promising William Paterson University student, the couple made the courageous, compassionate and conscientious decision to honor their late son's memory by giving the gift of hope.

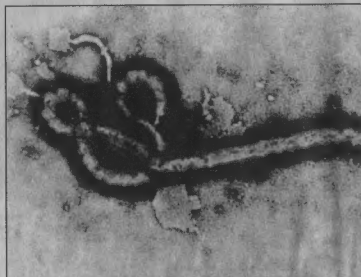
Schundler added, "Within the African American community, along with other minority communities of Jersey City and Northern New Jersey, the situation is even more critical because of the shortage of people who sign up to be donors."

Dr. Doran J. Wilson, Medical Director of The Sharing Network, pointed out, "If the recipient shares ethnicity with the donor, the chances of a successful transplant operation is dramatically increased."

Roth concluded, "I truly applaud the progressive steps being taken by the Jersey City branch of the NAACP, an initiative that is literally saving lives. We are pleased to be working with the NAACP to prevent such a needless loss of life."

The Sharing Network is a federally designated, state-certified procurement organization responsible for recovering organs and tissue for New Jersey residents in need of transplantation, as well as those on the organ donor waiting lists. Donor cards, additional information or a copy of registry, can be obtained by calling The Sharing Network at 1-800-SHARE-NJ, visiting our web site at <http://www.sharenj.org> or e-mailing us at: us@sharenj.org.

A seminar examining infectious disease comes to TV



NEW YORK — A distinguished panel of experts debates personal and global issues critical to maintaining public health. Through extraordinary advances in medicine and science, some of the most devastating infectious diseases in human history are now barely known in Western societies. Smallpox and polio, which once took millions of lives, have virtually been eliminated around the globe. But, as a new millennium approaches, new dangers are on the horizon. We live in a rapidly evolving, highly adaptable "microbial soup" and we now know that our complacency that modern medicine could "defeat" the microbes was wrong — dead wrong.

Hosted and moderated by Arthur R. Miller of Harvard University Law School, EPIDEMIC! A Fred Friendly Seminar examines the biological, ecological and cultural factors that influence the causes, spread and control of infectious disease. The program premieres on Tuesday, June 22 at 8 p.m. (ET) on Thirteen/WNET and is a co-production of Fred Friendly Seminars, Inc. and the American Museum of

Natural History in association with Thirteen/WNET. Bristol-Myers Squibb is the sole corporate sponsor for the program. EPIDEMIC! A Fred Friendly Seminar ties in with the current American Museum of Natural History (AMNH) exhibition "Epidemic! The World of Infectious Diseases."

In a compelling dialogue, a dynamic and distinguished panel of experts debates potentially life-threatening situations, raising questions about public health on both a personal and global level. How can we defend ourselves and our communities in the war against microbes? Can we prevent the next epidemic? The medical community needs a better understanding of drug resistance in order to maintain, antibiotics as a highly effective weapon against infectious diseases. What must be done to preserve and increase our medical arsenal? What precautions should doctors, individuals and politicians take to prevent an outbreak? When should individual rights be forfeited to protect the public's health?

St. Peter's Hospital celebrate National Health Week

NEW BRUNSWICK — Heart disease is the leading cause of death among men in the United States. Men are three times more likely than women to suffer a heart attack before age 65. Nearly six percent of African American males have diabetes and do not know it. They also have the highest prostate cancer incidence rate of any racial or ethnic group in the U.S. Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death among Hispanic men; the fourth leading cause if they are over 65. Since 1974, men have experienced a 45 percent increase in cases of melanoma. In 1994, 364 men died from breast cancer.

National Men's Health Week, June 16 through June 20, Father's Day, was established by Congress to raise awareness among men and their families about the importance of preventive health behavior in the early detection and treatment of health problems affecting men. By developing a week focusing on the broad range of health issues affecting men, and ultimately their families, National Men's Health Week

attempts to achieve the same positive behavioral changes among men that has already occurred in women because of breast cancer awareness programs.

Women visit their doctors 30 percent more than men, and live an average of seven years longer. By encouraging men to take as active a role as women do in regularly visiting their physician for basic treatment and examinations, the rate of male mortality could be significantly reduced. Former Senator Bob Dole and television personality Larry King are alive today because they sought early care, while Jim Hensen, the talented creator of The Muppets, died before his time because he waited far too long to seek medical advice.

Saint Peter's University Hospital supports the goals of National Men's Health Week. Informational materials, including the 32-page "Men's Maintenance Manual," will be available in the lobby. The manual may also be obtained free-of-charge by calling 1-800-955-2002.

Health and dental clinics opens at two Newark public elementary schools

NEWARK — The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey and The Prudential Foundation in collaboration with the Newark Public Schools and the Saint Barnabas Health Care System will inaugurate school-based health and dental clinics at Newark's Quinlan and Dayton Street Elementary Schools. These healthcare facilities are located in already existing school classrooms and will provide annual physical and dental examinations as well as "walk-in" care for students. The goal of the partnership between these clinics is to eventually provide all Newark children with access to medical, dental and counseling services within their schools.

"Foundation, healthcare and public school resources are now allied to help these young people become healthy learners," stated Mark S. Hochberg, M.D., President of The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey. "The Healthcare Foundation is thrilled to be working with all of these organizations to provide a healthier Newark now and into the millennium."

The medical and dental care for the clinics is provided by the Saint Barnabas Healthcare System

through its Children's Hospital of New Jersey/Prudential Beth Israel Medical Center affiliate. Two years ago the first school-based healthcare clinic was opened at George Washington Carver Elementary School in Newark. Through a \$389,000 grant from the Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey, the Carver Clinic has already seen over 1,000 students, many of whom returned to the clinic for additional medical visits. The clinics also provide counseling services to assist students with personal concerns.

Dr. Beverly Hall, District Superintendent of The Newark Public Schools, noted the success of the two-year health clinic experiment at the Carver School and hailed the opening of two more clinics as an important tool making Newark students more successful.

"In order to ensure that our children are able to learn at their maximum potential, they must be healthy learners; their medical, educational and social needs must be met. The implementation of school-based health clinics in our schools will further enhance our children's chances to succeed in and out of the

Working together to reduce black infant mortality



PARAMUS — Problems: Most cities in America have a high incidence of black perinatal mortality. In plain language: more black babies are likely to die or be born unhealthy. The primary reason is that a significant percentage of black mothers do not or cannot make the voice connection to the appropriate resources needed for safe birth and healthy subsequent infant care.

In New Jersey, 14.9 black babies die per 1,000 live births as opposed to the 5.3 Caucasian babies per 1,000 live births according to 1996 statistics.

Solutions: What can we do as a community for these at-risk mothers and babies? Become a Sister Friend volunteer to offer assistance and guidance to a pregnant woman during in age from 12 to 44 through Birthing Project USA.

Birthing Project USA/The New Jersey Birthing Project is the only national African American Maternal and Child Health (MCH) project in the United States. Since the original Birthing Project was founded by Kathryn Hill in Sacramento, California in 1988, it has been successfully replicated in over 45 communities throughout the country. Over 5,000 healthy babies have been born through these programs.

The expansion and continued success of this program is in part due to the generous corporate sponsorship of African Pride Products, a Revlon brand. The goal of Birthing Project USA is to keep more babies alive and healthy by providing direct emotional support, and education to mothers during and after pregnancy. This support continues for one year after the birth of the baby.

classroom."

The Quinlan and Dayton schools are being funded through a \$550,000 grant from The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey and a \$150,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation. Prudential has identified Quinlan Street School as its first "community school" in Newark and sees proper physical and emotional enhancements to the delivery of education for these students.

"How well a student feels directly impacts their ability to learn," said Michele Darling, Chair of The Prudential Foundation. "We are proud to help create a school environment where healthy children can be focused on learning."

Ronald Del Mauro, President and C.E.O. of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System, said "We are committed to delivering the finest health care to New Jersey's children."

The school-based health clinics are particularly effective because previously unrecognized and undiagnosed conditions can now be properly identified and treated through these routine examinations."

How Smart Is Your Baby, Toddler or Preschooler?

By Sonia Stewart

(NNPA) — Research studies consistently show that parents hold the key to how smart their children are. As your child's first teacher, you should understand that the first five years of her life influences her learning experience forever. Try these simple activities with your young child, they will make a lasting impression.

Birth - 3 months
Read stories and then ask questions about the stories. "How many children were in the story?" "Where did they go?" "What did you like best?" Engage in discussion to develop listening and understanding skills.

3 - 6 months
Buy or borrow a nursery rhyme book from the library and say

the rhymes repeatedly. Babies love repetition.

6-12 months
Hold baby on your lap and talk about the pictures and people you see in books or magazines.

1-2 years
Memorize or make up rhymes, songs and rhythms to capture interest and teach concepts.

2-3 years
Read stories and then ask questions about the stories. "How many children were in the story?" "Where did they go?" "What did you like best?" Engage in discussion to develop listening and understanding skills.

3-4 years
Ask questions about objects which encourage observation and active thinking and reasoning, e.g. "What has four legs?" (the dog or cat); "What has a flat top?" (the table).

4-5 years
Read and encourage conversation. Ask your child to tell you a story or draw a picture.

For more ideas to enhance your child's early learning experiences, get a copy of 104 Ways to Give Your Baby, Toddler or Preschooler a Smart Start! Pamphlet. Send \$3.75 to: Concerned Parents Council, P.O. Box 1210, Smart Start Pamphlet, New York, NY 10163-1210.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 17

NEWARK — The Newark Museum Council presents "Jazz In Bloom: The Three Tenors," a gala jazz benefit featuring Cecil Brooks III and David "Fish-head" Newman at Alice Ransom Dryfuss Memorial Garden at the Newark Museum. 5:30 p.m. (973) 596-5550.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

OCEAN GROVE — The Ocean Grove Auditorium presents the legendary Maynard Ferguson and his Big Band Nouveau Band. 8 p.m. 1-(800)-773-0097.

PLAINFIELD — The New Community Corporation (NCC) Arts Committee hosts an art exhibit of immigrant traditional arts at the Crescent Ave. Presbyterian Church. 12 p.m. (973) 636-7846.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

NEW YORK — The Morris-Jumel Mansion Museum hosts a Father's Day Concert featuring the New Amsterdams Baroque. 2 p.m. (212) 923-8002.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents the legendary Isaac Hayes. 9 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJPAC.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

NEW YORK — The Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. presents the dancing extravaganza "Midsummer Night Swing" at the Joyce Robertson Plaza located inside Lincoln Center. 6:30 p.m. (212) 875-5366.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

NEWARK — The New Jersey State Opera presents renowned opera "Carmen" at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC). 8 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJPAC.

ENGLEWOOD — The JVC Jazz Festival presents the legendary James Brown at the John Harris Center for the Arts. Call (212) 496-9000 for information and time.

Tony award winning theatre brings Kim Coles to the stage

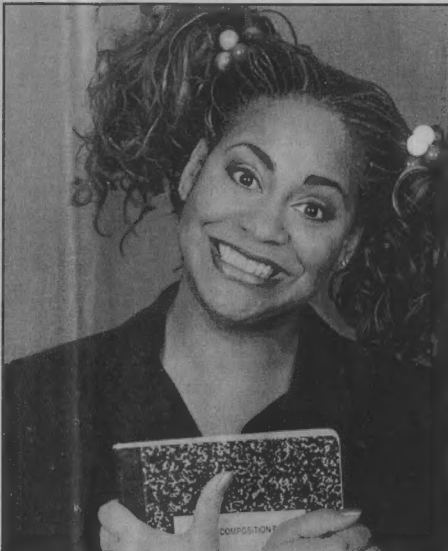
NEW BRUNSWICK — Crossroads Theatre Company, recipient of the 1999 Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theater, announced its 1999-2000 season today, which will feature a new comedy starring the popular actress Kim Coles from the Fox-TV series "Living Single." A Duke Ellington musical a new play and a world-premiere play, as well as the 11th annual Genesis Festival of new play readings.

Crossroads comes fresh on the heels of what has undeniably been one of the most exciting seasons in Crossroads' 20-year history. At the announcements on May 3 for the 1999 Tony Award nominations, it was announced that Crossroads Theatre Company had been selected to receive the prestigious Tony Award given annually to an outstanding regional theater in the U.S. As well, that morning, it was announced that Crossroads' production of the musical "It Ain't Nothin' But The Blues" received four Tony Award nominations, including Best Musical.

"It Ain't Nothin' But The Blues" — originally produced by Crossroads in association with San Diego Repertory and Alabama Shakespeare Festival — marks the first time in Crossroads' 20-year history that one of its productions moved to Broadway, where it is currently playing at Lincoln Center's Vivian Beaumont Theater.

Since 1976 — when the special Tony Award was first given — that this Regional Tony Award has been bestowed upon an African American theater company, or any theater devoted to the work and concerns of communities of color is commendable recognition.

Crossroads 1999-2000 season will be comprised of three new plays and a musical: the comedy "Homework," by Kim Coles and Charles Randolph Wright, directed by Mr. Wright and starring Kim Coles, widely known as Synclaire on the popular TV series "Living Single," the new jazz musical celebrating Duke Ellington's Centennial, *PLAY ON!* — with music by Duke Ellington directed by Tony Award winner André Dushields; the world-premiere play "Yellow Eyes" by Migdalia Cruz, commissioned by Crossroads and one of the plays developed during the theater's 10th anniversary Genesis Festival this year; and Kathleen McElhee Anderson's new play *VENICE*, directed by Charles Randolph Wright, the playwright's third new play at Crossroads.



Crossroad-theater Kim Coles brings her off-broadway play "Homework" to the Crossroads Theater.

World Festival II Afro, Cuban, Soul musical delicacy

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

African drum master Bobatunde Olatunji headlines on June 16 with South African trumpeter Hugh Masekela at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, the first of three weekend performances that mark the culmination of World Festival II: A Festival of Pan African America.

Other performances include "Queen of Sheba" Celia Cruz with Johnny Pacheco and Israel Lopez "Cachao" on June 19 and Isaac Hayes with Sam Moore and the NJPAC Jubilation Choir on Sunday, June 20.

Grammy winner "Planet Drum," 1991 Olatunji out of Nigeria released "The Drums of Passion," one of the first albums to bring African drums to Western ears, in 1959. That across-the-charts hit led to concerts around the U.S. and a string of national TV appearances. Having composed scores for numerous Broadway and Hollywood projects, he continues to tour with his full ensemble of traditional West African drums and musicians.

Masekela, the Godfather of "Afro-Soul Jazz," led the Jazz Epistles to synthesize South African tunes with American jazz. His "Saxophone Fantasy" album "Grazin' in the Grass" topped four million copies and he toured with Paul Simon during his "Graceland" tour. His new album, "Black is the Future," is out now on the Shanachie label.

Latin music's queen, Celia Cruz, and special guest Johnny Pacheco, perform on June 19 with bassist Israel Lopez "Cachao" for an evening of world-class Afro-Cuban music: The Fantastic Kids Steel Band from Morristown will play in the lobby during the pre-show and intermission.

With her stellar career spanning almost half a century, over 70 albums, Grammy Awards and historic projects with such legendary groups and personalities as the King of Latin Music, Tito Puente, the Queen has collaborated on several well-received recordings with artists like Willie Colon, David Byrne of Talking Heads, and the Fania All Stars. She has appeared on the big screen in "The Mambo Kings" and recently was honored with a star on Hollywoods Walk of Fame. Her most recent recording is "Mi Vida es Cantar."

Pacheco, a longtime Cruz collaborator, has been a central figure in Latin music for four decades. Known the world over for his work as composer, arranger, bandleader and producer, he won nine Grammy nominations and ten gold records.

Israel Lopez "Cachao," the Cuban-born bassist and composer, composed and arranged numbers for Havana's leading dance bands in the 1930s and 1940s. He was influential in the development of the mambo, the danzon and the descarga, and recorded 1957's Cuban Jam Session in Miniature Descargas, a million-selling milestone of Latin music.

On June 20, "symphonic soul" investor Isaac Hayes, one of the dominant architects of American popular music, closes out the festival. Ike, broke through with his 1969 album "Hot Buttered Soul," crossing over to both the "Top 40" R&B and pop charts.

His 1971 soundtrack for the film Shaft went platinum and made Hayes the first black artist to win an Oscar for "Best Original Score." It also won a Golden Globe, two Grammy Awards, the NAACP Image Award and the Edison Award — Europe's highest musical award.

His most recent recording include "Love Attack," an album that he wrote and produced.

Hayes has also been successful as a film and television actor, Ike hosts Kiss FM's top-rated morning show and supplies the voice of "Chef" on the popular animated show, Soul Food.

With him in special guest Sam Moore — the original Grammy Award-winning Soul Man and lead singer of the legendary Sam & Dave duo. He was inducted into The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1992.

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Cuba Gooding Jr. stars in "Instinct"

By Elizabeth Hunter

LOS ANGELES — Academy Award winner Cuba Gooding Jr. uses both reason and instinct to bring to life the complex character Theo Caulder in Touchstone Pictures' dramatic and provocative mystery, "Instinct."

In Touchstone Pictures' "Instinct," within the brilliant mind of primatologist Ethan Powell, played by Academy Award-winner Anthony Hopkins, lies an ominous secret: a deep-seated mystery unraveled by his estranged family and the law enforcement officials who have tracked him down and jailed him for murders



Cuba Gooding Jr. stars in "Instinct"

that occurred in the jungles of Rwanda. A noted scientist, Powell vanished four years ago while studying the reclusive mountain gorillas in Rwanda. When a group of park rangers discovered Powell living among the gorillas, he turned on them brutally murdering two of the rangers.

Now, held captive in a brutal prison for the criminally insane, Powell who has not spoken in years, is remanded to psychologist Theo Caulder. Caulder's unbridled ambition drives him to risk everything and put his life on the line in order to understand the actions of this headline-gripping madman. Eventually, both men embark on an extraordinary journey fueled by their insatiable hunger for the truth, regardless of the cost.

"I'd have to say that Theo Caulder is probably one of the most intriguing characters," explains award-winning actor, Cuba Gooding Jr. about his first leading man role. "There is so much going on internally with this character. His actions are mental as opposed to physical like many of the other characters I've played. He doesn't wear his emotions on his sleeve."

The controlled and cerebral nature of this character attracted Gooding to the role. "Caulder is closed off emotionally, yet very passionate about what he does. I thought that if I could get that element across with this film, Theo Caulder could be a character that people haven't seen before. I was very excited to take on the challenge."

Gooding was also drawn to the ambitious nature of the material on which Touchstone Pictures' "Instinct" is based. "When I first read the book, 'Instinct' Dan Quinn, I was impressed by his philosophical dialogue. The book is filled with thought provoking questions about faith, man's involvement with the planet, the evolution of civilization, man, nature and man's relationship to nature. I wondered how and if these ideas would translate into film."

Gooding's portrayal of Theo Caulder in "Instinct" will definitely make this rising star burn brighter. Not only is Theo Caulder an original character that audiences haven't seen before, but as Gooding's first leading man role, the part represents a milestone in his already thriving career.

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Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick

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CITY SPORTS

Nets award Newark youth scholarships

By Gilda Rogers

Time is of the essence, when it comes to saving kids who may be struggling in urban environments. This expedient approach and a promise made good is just what the new ownership of the New Jersey Nets are adhering to.

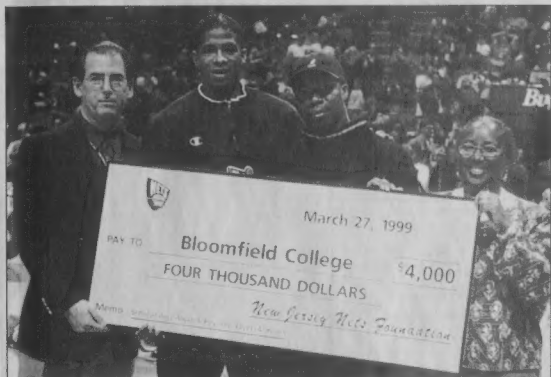
Lewis Katz and Raymond Chambers stipulated a few months ago upon combining for 38.38 percent ownership of the basketball franchise that they would invest their profits from the team into a trust called the Community Youth Organization. In conjunction with the Nets Foundation, CYO donated \$200,000 earmarked for Newark youth scholarships.

Marisa Fountain has a graduate of East Side High School and freshman at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Bloomfield College freshman Kevin Mitchell, along with Kamisha Lynn Roper, an Essex County College freshman, John Santiago, who is a sophomore at Bloomfield College, and Emanuel Mercedes a freshman at Seton Hall University, all Newark residents were each the proud recipients of \$4,000 to be paid over the course of four years.

The Nets organization has

always been committed to participating in our community and fostering the development of area youth," said Nets President Michael Rowe. "We're excited about this program, which will provide a needed financial boost for college bound students in our community."

The scholarship winners were chosen on the basis of financial need, academic performance, and community service. Each student received their award scholarship at a Nets home game. Santiago, who is a criminal justice major earned a 3.41 grade point average, while working part-time and being active on his college campus. Roper, who maintained a 3.80 g.p.a. also worked part-time while being active on Abyssinian Baptist Church's usher board. Making the Dean's list, Mitchell, who is an accounting major is extremely active on campus, where he participates in the Male Empowerment Network program. Earning a perfect score of 4.0, Fountain is a civil engineering major volunteer at the community food bank, while participating in various campus clubs. Mercedes, whose plans include attending law school after completing his undergraduate studies maintained a 3.3 g.p.a.



L-R Nets President Michael Rowe, Nets player Kendall Gill, scholarship recipient Kevin Mitchell, Linda Epps vice-president of student affairs, Bloomfield College.

Ewing: A true champion

As you are well aware, Patrick Ewing's season ended prematurely. It was a devastating blow that he had a partially torn Achilles tendon. If you're familiar with Ewing's history, that Gregory Moore setback represented the latest chapter in the book of setbacks which has plagued Ewing's professional and college career. It's sort of ironic that Ewing's injury is named after Achilles, a mythological Greek figure. Ewing's career has frequently resembled a Greek tragedy. Ewing's missteps, gaffes and failures during his pressure situations have been well chronicled under the blinding glare of the local media. And nationally, Ewing, Utah's Karl Malone and Houston's Charles Barkley are routinely cited as the future hall-of-famers who have yet to win an NBA championship. However, unlike Malone and Barkley, Ewing's quest for a title is particularly compelling since he came into the league with significantly more fanfare than either Malone or Barkley.

At the NBA's first lottery selection, Ewing arrived in New York touted as the second coming of Bill Russell, a player who led his teams to 11 championships in 13 seasons with the Boston Celtics. Surely Ewing, we thought, would capture at least a couple of titles, right? Wrong. I'll attempt to put this as delicately as possible. PATRICK EWING WILL NEVER WIN AN NBA CHAMPIONSHIP! But guess what, in my book that doesn't mean Ewing isn't a champion, because he is. Sure, Ewing has not, nor will ever be a member of an NBA championship squad. But if you consult your handy Oxford Concise Dictionary, membership on such a team is consistent with but one definition of the word champion: "A person(who) has defeated or surpassed all rivals in a competition." You'll notice that nowhere within the second definition is the requirement of ultimate victory.

In essence, to be a good champion one has to fight the good fight. Over the course of his career, Ewing has tirelessly fought the good fight on behalf of die hard Knicks fans who so desperately want to relieve the glory years of the early 1970's. Since his entrance in the league, no player has labored as hard, and under as much scrutiny as Patrick Ewing during his struggles to win a title. Despite failing short year after year, Ewing still believes that next season will be the Knicks' year to win it all. And to that end, Ewing has done everything possible to transform his beliefs into a reality. He's borne his burdens during the off-season, continually working on a game which was offensively unpolished as a rookie, but subsequently improved his hard-fought game, never possessed by a center. Unlike Barkley, whose championship journey has included pit stops in Philadelphia, Phoenix and most recently Houston, Ewing has also exhibited a commitment to bringing a championship to New York and New York only. Like Barkley, he could have easily left town in search of greener pastures, but a component of Ewing's second definition of the "champion" suggests a requisite level of loyalty to those (Knicks fans) whose cause is being championed. And although Karl Malone has been with the Jazz his entire career, even he has at times voiced a desire to be traded. Last summer, Malone even went so far as to declare that he'd never play for Utah again. Despite Malone's tearful apology to Utah fans and eventual reconciliation with Jazz management, can Malone's commitment to Utah be considered on par with Ewing's commitment to New York? I doubt it.

The fact of the matter is that Patrick Ewing came along at the wrong time when guys like Magic Johnson and Larry Bird were dominating the 1980's and a fellow named Michael Jordan carried out his own personal dynasty during the 1990's. Not only could Ewing not beat those guys—he shouldn't have. He and his teammates were just not good enough. But we can all draw lessons from the fact that despite long odds, Ewing believed he could beat Michael, Magic and Larry and gave it everything he had in that regard, even if it wasn't enough. In my book, that's a mark of a true champion.

Williams opens ceremonies at Newark Games

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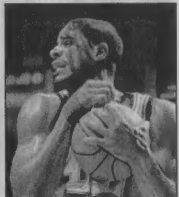
Often at times athletes who have exemplified outlandish behavior have been portrayed in the media as bad guys, reminiscent to good vs. evil in a Hollywood flick. Fortunately, there are those who don't cross that line like New Jersey Nets' center, Jayson Williams.

He's been called a joker throughout his NBA career. But one thing you can't deny: Williams gives 100 percent on the court every single night. For the last three seasons, he has finished in the top ten in rebounds and block shots and made the all-star game for the first time last year. Besides his illustrious basketball achievements, Williams gives his time and assistance to charitable organizations and community projects, especially those dealing with children.

"I think it's important to set kids what's important and to show good examples because what we do affects them," said Williams, who was on hand to kick off the Fourth Annual Newark Games on June 5. "Programs like this gives kids self-esteem and makes them feel important. I'm glad to be involved in any way I can."

The Kick Start Program, which provides sports equipment to Williams' disadvantaged kids, is another program Williams supports. He feels athletes have a responsibility to acknowledge the areas in which they came from.

"So many athletes have come out these neighborhoods and went on to make so much money. But where are they when you need them," said Williams, who during the basketball lockdown, heeded alongside his father in their construction business. "His alrigh to have a big house, a white picket fence, dog, but it isn't alrigh to leave and not come back. You gotta come back help your community."



Jayson Williams

The news couldn't be more positive for Newark, which recently announced the move of the Nets to the downtown area by the year 2003. Finally, Newark will be recognized as New Jersey's team rather than the stepchild to the New York Knicks. "You have the Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) and the Meadowlands stadium. We're going to be building, so I'm glad to see Newark coming up," says Williams, who's developing an entertainment complex that will produce movies and television programs in the Renaissance City, "Lake Manhattan is to New York, Newark can be to New Jersey. The potential is here."

As for basketball, Jayson is certain that he'll be back in spite of undergoing to his right leg. "I regards to a head coach, he feels strong about John Casey despite the rumors circulating of ex-Chicago Bulls coach Phil Jackson coming to the Garden State. "My pick is coach Casey. Everybody likes him and responds well to him," said Williams, who admitted he'd be happiest with Casey.

Williams is not your typical athlete. He may not have the marquee status of a Shaq, Jordan or Malone, but in the community he is king. A perfect ending to a movie.

What's on tap?

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